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29 JANUARY 1983Former Green Beret Arrested on Canadian Warrant  
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A former Green Beret convicted of shooting a dissident Libyan student has been arrested by the FBI on a Canadian extradition warrant.

Eugene A. Tafoya was taken into custody Friday in a car outside his wife's house, said FBI agent Ron Haverson.

He was arrested on a warrant charging him with the 1979 burning of a car in Kitchener, Ontario, that belonged to a former business associate of ex-CIA agent Edwin Wilson. Wilson now is on trial in Houston on charges of conspiring to ship explosives to Libya.

Tafoya, 46, was being held in lieu of \$1 million bail at La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution near El Paso after his arraignment Friday before a U.S. magistrate, federal district clerk Roy Jean said.

Government documents filed Friday in El Paso federal court said Tafoya "is an extreme security risk for escape."

Tafoya was convicted in 1981 of wounding a Colorado State University student with two shots to the head in an alleged murder-for-hire plot. Faisal Zagallai lost an eye in the attack and now lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Tafoya contends that at the time of the Fort Collins, Colo., shooting, he was employed as an agent and demolitions expert for the CIA under Wilson's direction.

The CIA says Tafoya, who had been free on appeal of his shooting conviction, applied for an intelligence position with them upon his 1976 retirement from the U.S. Army but was not accepted.

Federal grand juries in Denver and Austin are investigating Tafoya on possible tax and firearms violations.

Government prosecutors warned that Tafoya fled the United States for 5 1/2 months after the Colorado shooting \_ living in Europe and Libya \_ and in 1979, after the firebombing, also fled Canada.

Tafoya was charged in Canada with two counts of arson involving the burning of Robert A. Manina's car, government documents said. The car was set ablaze while parked in Manina's driveway.

Each charge, a felony under Canadian law, carries a maximum of five years imprisonment, authorities said.

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